

VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS

April 30, 2009

VT College, Montpelier

***D R A F T* MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Russell Agne, Sheryl Aliquo, Dolly Corkins, Brian Howe, Susan Jensen, Judith Jones, Heather McCollum, Cassandra Major, Bruce Richardson, Ronald Stahley, Janet Steward

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathy Finck, Stephanie Taylor

STAFF PRESENT: Marta Cambra, Bob Gross, Deb Giles, Mary Beth McNulty, Marilyn Richardson, Anne Bordonaro, Charles Johnson

CALL TO ORDER: B. Howe called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

B. Howe asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the March 23, 2009 meeting.

C. Major **moved that the VSBPE accept the minutes of the March 23, 2009 meeting.**

S. Aliquo seconded. Corrections: Committee Reports: T/ARC--C. Major did the reporting, not

D. Corkins. HE--The Higher Education Committee deliberated and decided to approve their request (last sentence, 1st paragraph). **Minutes were approved with edits.**

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

There were no Board member updates.

STAFF REPORT – Educator Quality Team

There were no additional comments on the staff report.

Charles Johnson, Safe Schools Coordinator, presented information on diversity and civil rights issues. He also responded to questions from those present. His topic was what's happening in Vermont in terms of diversity and cultural competency. After he spoke, MB McNulty presented on cultural competency standards along with A. Bordonaro, D. Giles, and Bob G.

The Board broke for Committee work at 9:45 a.m.

The Board broke for lunch at 11:30 a.m. and divided into committees at 12:15 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:45 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Teacher & Administrator Relicensing Committee – D. Corkins Chair, reporting

INTASC standards discussed with A. Bordonaro. It was felt that cultural competency was not sufficiently highlighted within the 10 principles. The committee felt that the format was good but that there was a need to review the language in that it needs to be updated. A. Bordonaro will create a chart to show the INTASC principles in comparison to the 16 principles in the Apple Book.

Also discussed was the NASDTEC Agreement in relation to school counselors. It was the consensus of the committee to support the plan to include school counselors in the teacher portion of the NASDTEC Agreement if it is allowed by the NASDTEC Interstate Committee.

Deb G. has drafted a letter regarding the use of coaching as professional development and she was directed to send it out to the L/RSBs.

Finally, the action plan was reviewed and the next step is to meet with the commissioner regarding the action plan and the transformation process and the influence and the impact of the current economic crisis and what strategies can be implemented.

Marta C. indicated that Bill R. will be at the May 18, 2009 VSBPE meeting to discuss transformation and at some point in the future invite the commissioner. Bob G. stated that after meeting with the Commissioner, then meet with the State Board because they are creating their own action plan and they should have a good idea of what VSBPE's action plan is. Brian H. indicated that Tom J. is willing to come to the meeting at anytime to discuss issues. Also what impact the DOE cuts will have on the VSBPE's action plan. Bruce R. said that there are items that are on target and there are others that are not on target due to the economy and budget issues.

Higher Education Committee – H. McCollum Chair, reporting

H. McCollum indicated that the committee did not do as much work on the INTASC standards or on the action plan. Committee resolved a dispute between a new program that was given approval and another program that is threatening to sue in court because of copyright infringement of the program.

Fayneese Miller, Colleen McKinnon and Janet Bossange from UVM were present to request that we extend the date of their ROPA visit from next fall to spring 2010. It is not clear whether, in the future, they wish to use NCATE instead of ROPA. There will be 2 separate visits at this time--NCATE and ROPA. MaryBeth M. will write a letter to that affect.

H. McCollum moved that the VSBPE approve the delay of UVM's ROPA visit until spring 2010. S. Aliquo seconded. Motion passed.

Joe Mark, CSC, presented a PowerPoint on the history of ROPA and wanted the committee to consider the idea of getting back to the core principles behind ROPA. It was basically information sharing.

The policy on Foreign Language preparation was discussed.

H. McCollum moved that the VSBPE adopt the following new policy. Policy on Recommending Foreign Language Candidates in Alternate, Undergraduate, Post-Baccalaureate, and Graduate Degree Foreign Language Programs. S. Jensen seconded. Motion passed.

M. Cambra asked the T/ARC to clarify the discussion of professional development and coaching that was reported. Relicensure credits are going to be allowed. It is only if the content knowledge for the endorsement is met. Discussion followed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned by consensus at 2:00 p.m.

Linda Hendrickson, Administrative Assistant

Brian Howe, Chair